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TAGS: CI, MASS, SHUM

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR TRUCCO'S CALL ON ATG ASST SEC RYAN

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. AMBASSADOR TRUCCO MADE HIS FIRST FORMAL CALL ON AMB. RYAN WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY SIMILAR CALLS ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROBERT O. BLAKE OF IO AND WILLIAM S. MAILLIARD, AMBASSADOR TO THE OAS.

2. THE MAIN ITEM OF DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR RYAN WAS AMBASSADOR TRUCCO'S EXPLANATION THAT NEITHER HE NOR ANY OF HIS STAFF HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE GENERATION OF THE LETTER SIGNED BY 100 CONGRESSMEN AND INTRODUCED BY CONGRESSMAN MCDONALD OF MASSACHUSETTS INTO THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF MAY 19, 1975. HE ADDED THAT HE FELT THAT PRESSURE OF THIS KIND WAS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE AND HE HOPED THE STATE DEPARTMENT WOULD NOT ASSOCIATE IT WITH ANY ACTION TAKEN BY HIS EMBASSY.

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3. AMBASSADOR RYAN ANSWERED THAT THE UPSETTING ISSUE WAS

THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT WAS SINGLED OUT AS THE IMPEDING AGENCY, WHICH WAS NOT THE CASE. AMBASSADOR RYAN SAID HE THOUGHT THE MATTER WAS NOW ON THE TRACK AND HOPED IT WOULD SOON BE RESOLVED.

4. AMBASSADOR RYAN SAID HE HAD HEARD RUMORS THAT ANOTHER TORTURE STORY WOULD SOON BE MADE PUBLIC AND THAT SUCH REVELATIONS WERE MOST UNFORTUNATE AS THEY RAPIDLY COUNTER-ACTED ANY IMPROVEMENTS. HE SAID THE RUMOR CONCERNED A SERGIO ZAMORA WHO HAD ESCAPED DINA AND SOUGHT HELP FROM THE CARDINAL.

5. AMBASSADOR TRUCCO REPLIED THAT THE NEW LAW MUST BE IMPLEMENTED IN GOOD FAITH AND THAT IS THE ONLY WAY TO PROVE CHILE'S JUST INTENTIONS. HE SAID THE CARDINAL WOULD SOON BE IN NEW YORK. HE HAD NOT HEARD WHETHER OR NOT HE WOULD BE COMING TO WASHINGTON. INGERSOLL

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